# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2013

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended March 16, 2013, there were 547,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan during March 2013, an increase of 1,500 from February 2013 and 25,700 more than the number employed in March 2012.

Agricultural employment was 41.5 persons in March 2013, up 1,100 from the February 2013 level and 7,600 more than the March 2012 agricultural employment level of 33,900. Non-agricultural employment was 506.2 persons in March 2013. This is an increase of 400 from the February 2013 non-agriculture employment level of 505.8 and 18,100 more than March 2012.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2013 was 4.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the February 2013 rate of 3.8 percent but 1.1 percentage points lower than the March 2012 level of 5.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 2,700 to 570,500 persons in March 2013 from 567,800 persons in February 2013. This is 20,200 more than the March 2012 labour force of 550,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 69.5 percent in March 2013 from 69.3 percent in February 2013. The March 2012 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.2 percent.

There were 22,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 2013. This is an increase of 1,100 from February 2013 but is 5,500 less than the number unemployed in March 2012.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 554,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2013, up 2,400 from the February 2013 level of 552,300 and is up 24,500 from the March 2012 employment level of 530,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2013 was 3.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the February 2013 rate of 3.8 percent but 0.9 percentage points lower than the March 2012 rate of 4.8 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 60,700 persons in March 2013 to 17,348,300 persons from 17,409,000 persons in February 2013. In March 2012, there were 17,148,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.4 percentage points in March 2013 to 7.7 percent from the February 2013 level of 7.3 percent. In March 2012, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.2 percent in March 2013. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than February 2013 but unchanged from the March 2012 level of 7.2 percent.

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## TABLE 1

## SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

| | March 2013 | February 2013 | March 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 18,802.7 | 18,789.8 | 18,581.1 | 12.9 | 221.6 |
| Employed ('000) | 17,348.3 | 17,409.0 | 17,148.2 | -60.7 | 200.1 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 13,889.0 | 13,915.9 | 13,717.5 | -26.9 | 171.5 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 3,459.3 | 3,493.1 | 3,430.7 | -33.8 | 28.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,454.4 | 1,380.8 | 1,432.8 | 73.6 | 21.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 7.2 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.9 | 65.9 | 65.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 570.5 | 567.8 | 550.3 | 2.7 | 20.2 |
| Employed ('000) | 547.7 | 546.2 | 522.0 | 1.5 | 25.7 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 445.4 | 445.3 | 425.6 | 0.1 | 19.8 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 102.3 | 100.9 | 96.4 | 1.4 | 5.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 22.8 | 21.7 | 28.3 | 1.1 | -5.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.0 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 0.2 | -1.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 0.1 | -0.9 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.5 | 69.3 | 68.2 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| **ALBERTA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,257.6 | 2,263.9 | 2,226.4 | -6.3 | 31.2 |
| Employed ('000) | 2,146.8 | 2,159.3 | 2,109.4 | -12.5 | 37.4 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 1,807.9 | 1,809.4 | 1,742.3 | -1.5 | 65.6 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 338.9 | 349.9 | 367.2 | -11.0 | -28.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 110.8 | 104.6 | 117.0 | 6.2 | -6.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 72.0 | 72.4 | 73.2 | -0.4 | -1.2 |
| **MANITOBA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 663.1 | 664.5 | 656.9 | -1.4 | 6.2 |
| Employed ('000) | 629.5 | 629.4 | 621.7 | 0.1 | 7.8 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 496.8 | 498.7 | 495.5 | -1.9 | 1.3 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 132.7 | 130.6 | 126.2 | 2.1 | 6.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 33.6 | 35.1 | 35.2 | -1.5 | -1.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.4 | 68.6 | 68.4 | -0.2 | 0.0 |

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | March 2013 | February 2013 | March 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 570.5 | 567.8 | 550.3 | 2.7 | 20.2 |
| Male | 305.7 | 304.1 | 296.1 | 1.6 | 9.6 |
| Female | 264.8 | 263.7 | 254.2 | 1.1 | 10.6 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 89.8 | 90.4 | 88.4 | -0.6 | 1.4 |
| 25+ Years of age | 480.7 | 477.4 | 461.9 | 3.3 | 18.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 547.7 | 546.2 | 522.0 | 1.5 | 25.7 |
| Male | 292.6 | 292.4 | 280.0 | 0.2 | 12.6 |
| Female | 255.1 | 253.8 | 242.0 | 1.3 | 13.1 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 81.6 | 82.6 | 81.0 | -1.0 | 0.6 |
| 25+ Years of age | 466.2 | 463.6 | 441.0 | 2.6 | 25.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 22.8 | 21.7 | 28.3 | 1.1 | -5.5 |
| Male | 13.1 | 11.8 | 16.1 | 1.3 | -3.0 |
| Female | 9.7 | 9.9 | 12.2 | -0.2 | -2.5 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| 25+ Years of age | 14.5 | 13.8 | 20.9 | 0.7 | -6.4 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 4.0 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 0.2 | -1.1 |
| Male | 4.3 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 0.4 | -1.1 |
| Female | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.8 | -0.1 | -1.1 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 9.2 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| 25+ Years of age | 3.0 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 0.1 | -1.5 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 69.5 | 69.3 | 68.2 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| Male | 74.9 | 74.6 | 74.0 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| Female | 64.2 | 64.0 | 62.5 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 65.7 | 66.2 | 64.8 | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| 25+ Years of age | 70.3 | 69.9 | 68.9 | 0.4 | 1.4 |

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TABLE 3

## SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

| | March 2013 | February 2013 | March 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY ('000)** | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 41.5 | 40.4 | 33.9 | 1.1 | 7.6 |
| Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas | 24.6 | 25.7 | 25.9 | -1.1 | -1.3 |
| Utilities | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| Construction | 45.9 | 44.8 | 38.0 | 1.1 | 7.9 |
| Manufacturing | 26.9 | 27.9 | 27.3 | -1.0 | -0.4 |
| Trade | 84.5 | 84.9 | 77.8 | -0.4 | 6.7 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 25.7 | 25.1 | 25.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | 28.4 | 28.9 | 31.3 | -0.5 | -2.9 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 27.5 | 25.8 | 25.4 | 1.7 | 2.1 |
| Business, Building and Other Support Services | 10.9 | 11.0 | 11.8 | -0.1 | -0.9 |
| Educational Services | 48.0 | 47.7 | 45.8 | 0.3 | 2.2 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 74.2 | 73.8 | 67.7 | 0.4 | 6.5 |
| Information, Culture and Recreation | 17.3 | 18.0 | 17.1 | -0.7 | 0.2 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 30.9 | 31.1 | 33.9 | -0.2 | -3.0 |
| Other Services | 27.2 | 27.8 | 25.2 | -0.6 | 2.0 |
| Public Administration | 29.2 | 28.4 | 29.9 | 0.8 | -0.7 |
| Total | 547.7 | 546.2 | 522.0 | 1.5 | 25.7 |
| **HOURS OF WORK ('000)** | | | | | |
| Full-Time | 445.4 | 445.3 | 425.6 | 0.1 | 19.8 |
| Part-Time | 102.3 | 100.9 | 96.4 | 1.4 | 5.9 |
| **CLASS OF WORKER ('000)** | | | | | |
| Employees | 438.1 | 441.0 | 424.8 | -2.9 | 13.3 |
| Public Sector | 142.4 | 141.6 | 137.2 | 0.8 | 5.2 |
| Private Sector | 295.7 | 299.4 | 287.6 | -3.7 | 8.1 |
| Self-Employed | 109.7 | 105.2 | 97.2 | 4.5 | 12.5 |

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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## TABLE 4

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | March 2013 | February 2013 | March 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 17,348.3 | 17,409.0 | 17,148.2 | -60.7 | 200.1 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 224.6 | 223.8 | 217.5 | 0.8 | 7.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 70.7 | 70.5 | 67.6 | 0.2 | 3.1 |
| Nova Scotia | 442.9 | 440.2 | 442.3 | 2.7 | 0.6 |
| New Brunswick | 338.1 | 340.6 | 333.7 | -2.5 | 4.4 |
| Quebec | 3,929.9 | 3,942.4 | 3,871.3 | -12.5 | 58.6 |
| Ontario | 6,740.8 | 6,770.2 | 6,685.1 | -29.4 | 55.7 |
| Manitoba | 629.5 | 629.4 | 621.7 | 0.1 | 7.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 547.7 | 546.2 | 522.0 | 1.5 | 25.7 |
| Alberta | 2,146.8 | 2,159.3 | 2,109.4 | -12.5 | 37.4 |
| British Columbia | 2,277.3 | 2,286.5 | 2,277.7 | -9.2 | -0.4 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 14.0 | 13.0 | 14.4 | 1.0 | -0.4 |
| Prince Edward Island | 14.1 | 13.7 | 13.1 | 0.4 | 1.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 10.3 | 10.1 | 9.3 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| New Brunswick | 12.1 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| Quebec | 8.7 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 0.5 | -0.1 |
| Ontario | 8.0 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Manitoba | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 4.0 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 0.2 | -1.1 |
| Alberta | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| British Columbia | 7.3 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 0.6 | 0.2 |

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TABLE 5

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

| | March 2013 | February 2013 | March 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 17,641.9 | 17,696.4 | 17,438.6 | -54.5 | 203.3 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 235.1 | 234.4 | 228.2 | 0.7 | 6.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 75.0 | 75.2 | 72.0 | -0.2 | 3.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 455.8 | 452.9 | 456.2 | 2.9 | -0.4 |
| New Brunswick | 351.2 | 353.3 | 347.0 | -2.1 | 4.2 |
| Quebec | 4,019.8 | 4,036.6 | 3,958.2 | -16.8 | 61.6 |
| Ontario | 6,840.9 | 6,858.3 | 6,784.8 | -17.4 | 56.1 |
| Manitoba | 638.8 | 636.8 | 631.1 | 2.0 | 7.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 554.7 | 552.3 | 530.2 | 2.4 | 24.5 |
| Alberta | 2,167.9 | 2,179.2 | 2,131.1 | -11.3 | 36.8 |
| British Columbia | 2,302.6 | 2,317.4 | 2,299.8 | -14.8 | 2.8 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 7.2 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 12.3 | 11.7 | 12.9 | 0.6 | -0.6 |
| Prince Edward Island | 12.1 | 11.6 | 11.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 9.5 | 9.3 | 8.5 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| New Brunswick | 10.5 | 10.1 | 10.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Quebec | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| Ontario | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Manitoba | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 0.1 | -0.9 |
| Alberta | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| British Columbia | 7.0 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 |

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## TABLE 6

## SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

**(3 Month Moving Average)**

| | March 2013 | February 2013 | March 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| St. John's | 6.8 | 6.8 | 8.2 | 0.0 | -1.4 |
| Halifax | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Saint John | 9.1 | 9.2 | 8.9 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| Quebec | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| Montreal | 8.6 | 8.1 | 9.8 | 0.5 | -1.2 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 6.3 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Greater Sudbury | 8.3 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Toronto | 8.2 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| Winnipeg | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| Regina | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| Saskatoon | 3.9 | 4.4 | 6.0 | -0.5 | -2.1 |
| Calgary | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Edmonton | 4.4 | 4.3 | 5.8 | 0.1 | -1.4 |
| Vancouver | 7.0 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Victoria | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Regina-Moose Mountain | 171.9 | 171.8 | 165.6 | 0.1 | 6.3 |
| Swift Current-Moose Jaw | 53.3 | 52.3 | 46.8 | 1.0 | 6.5 |
| Saskatoon-Biggar | 186.8 | 185.4 | 174.5 | 1.4 | 12.3 |
| Yorkton-Melville | 39.1 | 39.5 | 39.4 | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| Prince Albert & Northern | 95.3 | 94.8 | 95.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 |

**Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)**

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## TABLE 7

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

| | March 2013 | February 2013 | March 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL POPULATION** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 568.6 | 566.5 | 549.6 | 2.1 | 19.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 545.7 | 543.1 | 520.8 | 2.6 | 24.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 22.9 | 23.4 | 28.8 | -0.5 | -5.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.0 | 4.1 | 5.2 | -0.1 | -1.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.4 | 69.2 | 68.2 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.6 | 66.3 | 64.6 | 0.3 | 2.0 |
| **NON-ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 521.7 | 519.7 | 503.3 | 2.0 | 18.4 |
| Employed ('000) | 504.5 | 502.4 | 481.9 | 2.1 | 22.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 17.1 | 17.3 | 21.5 | -0.2 | -4.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 0.0 | -1.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.8 | 69.6 | 68.5 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.5 | 67.3 | 65.5 | 0.2 | 2.0 |
| **ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 46.9 | 46.8 | 46.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Employed ('000) | 41.2 | 40.7 | 39.0 | 0.5 | 2.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 5.7 | 6.1 | 7.3 | -0.4 | -1.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 12.2 | 13.0 | 15.8 | -0.8 | -3.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.2 | 65.1 | 65.5 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.3 | 56.7 | 55.2 | 0.6 | 2.1 |
| **NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 18.2 | 18.4 | 19.2 | -0.2 | -1.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 15.2 | 15.4 | 15.1 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 3.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | -1.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 16.4 | 16.4 | 20.9 | 0.0 | -4.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 57.6 | 58.2 | 61.9 | -0.6 | -4.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 48.2 | 48.7 | 49.0 | -0.5 | -0.8 |
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| Labour Force ('000) | 28.7 | 28.4 | 26.9 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 25.9 | 25.3 | 23.6 | 0.6 | 2.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.3 | -0.4 | -0.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.6 | 10.8 | 12.3 | -1.2 | -2.7 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 71.3 | 70.7 | 68.1 | 0.6 | 3.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.5 | 63.1 | 59.7 | 1.4 | 4.8 |

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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